

inevitably benefit them as they go on to future learning and higher education. Operation Education and other programs like it offer veterans the opportunity to continue pursuing their dreams and benefiting themselves, their families, and our Nation.

Not only is Operation Education open to disabled veterans, it is also available for the spouses of those veterans. Spouses of our soldiers are sometimes overlooked when we talk about the sacrifices that are made for our Nation. Those who stay at home while their spouses serve in faraway lands can sometimes do no more than pray and hope, trusting the fate of their loved ones to a higher power.

I am familiar with the experience of a young couple split up less than five months after being married when this young man was called to go to Iraq to train canines for the next nine months. Not only is that young Marine separated from his brand new bride, he will miss the birth of their baby in six months. He and his wife moved just weeks before he was called to Iraq, and she is left at home in a new area faced with the prospect of delivering her first child on her own. Neither this proud soldier nor his brave wife are unique in their situation, and other young military families have faced more dire circumstances. However, their situation epitomizes the sacrifices that our military families make—both those who serve in uniform abroad and those who serve less visibly in the home.

I honor those whose service in defending our Nation has required their lives. I have learned that it is the calling of some in our Nation's military to not come home. However, for those who do come home, the least we can do to show our respect for their service is to provide them with the opportunities they deserve. I commend the University of Idaho for making this program available, and I look forward to future developments that will bless the lives of our Nation's veterans.

#### EARMARK DECLARATION

**HON. JOHN M. MCHUGH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, May 21, 2008*

Mr. MCHUGH. Madam Speaker, I submit the following:

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN M. MCHUGH.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: Military Construction, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Congressman JOHN M. MCHUGH.

Address of Requesting Entity: 2366 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, DC 20515.

Provide an earmark of \$7.211 million for Project Number 57711 to construct a fire station at Fort Drum, New York. The entity to receive funding for this project is Fort Drum, located in Watertown, New York 13601. The funding will be used for military construction to help meet installation health and safety requirements.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN M. MCHUGH.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: O&M, Defense-wide.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization.

Address of Requesting Entity: 120 Washington Street, Suite 302, Watertown, New York 13601.

Provide an earmark of \$800K for the Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization (FDRHPO). The funding will enable the organization, as part of the pilot program reauthorized and expanded in P.L. 110-181, to hire the necessary staff and conduct the required assessments.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN M. MCHUGH.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RDT&E, Navy.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Trudeau Institute.

Address of Requesting Entity: 154 Algonquin Ave., Saranac Lake, New York 12983.

Provide an earmark of \$2 million for U.S. Navy Pandemic Influenza Vaccine Program. The funding will support the acceleration of studies of pandemic influenza vaccine research by developing and incorporating the use of bioinformatics (the use of techniques including mathematics, informatics, statistics) to solve biological problems associated with pandemic influenza vaccine and related issues.

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Account: RDT&E, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Clarkson University.

Address of Requesting Entity: 8 Clarkson Avenue, Potsdam, New York 13699.

Provide an earmark of \$2 million for nanostructured materials for Photovoltaic Applications. On a digital battlefield, scientific and technological superiority in land warfighting capability places a high premium on reliable and mobile communications systems. Lead acid batteries and diesel generators must yield photovoltaic (PV or solar cells) systems. Commercial and military efforts to achieve orders of magnitude increases in photovoltaic (PV or solar cells) device efficiency and decreases in cost have not been successful to date. This research project will develop novel PV technology (such as antireflective, antifouling and self-cleaning coatings for the solar cell applications) that will increase efficiency and reliability.

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Account: RDT&E, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: State University of New York at Plattsburgh.

Address of Requesting Entity: 101 Broad Street, Kehoe 815, Plattsburgh, New York 12901.

Provide an earmark of \$1.6 million to study the use of drugs to reduce hearing loss following acute acoustic trauma. The project will study the viability of using pharmacologic agents to reduce the effects on hearing of an acute acoustic trauma such as that produced by blast exposure. SUNY Plattsburgh's Auditory Research Laboratory is one of the few laboratories in the U.S. dedicated to this type

of research. Acute blast exposure is a serious problem in current military operations, resulting in disability status for a large number of personnel. This project will provide an objective look at drugs that may reduce hearing loss.

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Account: RDT&E, Army, Medical Advanced Technology.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: WelchAllyn.

Address of Requesting Entity: 4341 State Street Road, Skaneateles Falls, New York 13152.

Provide an earmark of \$2.5 million for the Personal Status Monitor (Nightengale). The funding will enable WelchAllyn to further develop its smart sensing technologies which provide on-body sensing of physiologic parameters that can be relayed to a remote server by means of a series of wireless relay devices for notification in the case of critical or life threatening event. The research and development will provide DOD with mobile, wireless monitoring of patients and other personnel who would benefit from being monitored where traditional monitoring has not typically been used given high cost and weight of devices.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN M. MCHUGH.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RDT&E, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Syracuse Research Corporation.

Address of Requesting Entity: 7502 Round Pond Road, North Syracuse, New York 13212.

Provide an earmark of \$4 million for the Foliage Penetrating, Reconnaissance, Surveillance, Tracking and Engagement Radar (FORESTER). FORESTER is an airborne sensor system that provides standoff and persistent wide-area surveillance of dismounted troops and vehicles moving through foliage. Designed and developed to fly on the A160 Hummingbird unmanned helicopter, FORESTER is a one-of-a-kind technology providing the warfighter with all-weather, day-night target detection and tracking capability in real-time. The request will provide the funding necessary to transition FORESTER to the user community and apply the technology to additional platforms.

Requesting Member: Congressman JOHN M. MCHUGH.

Bill Number: H.R. 5658.

Account: RDT&E, Army.

Legal Name of Requesting Entity: Magna Powertrain, USA, Inc.

Address of Requesting Entity: 6600 New Venture Gear Drive, E. Syracuse, New York 13057.

Provide an earmark of \$1.4 million for Torque-Vectoring Rollover Prevention Technology. With the use of commercially available vehicle simulation software, it has been demonstrated that torque vectoring technology applied to a Military HMMWV rear axle can result in preventing vehicle rollover incidents. This research and development project will demonstrate that commercially available torque-vectoring technology can contribute to safety, stability, and improved handling of the Army's Lightweight Tactical Vehicle Fleet.